

# Field Guide to the Sale and Possession of Wild Animal Skins and Parts

## MUSKRAT & MINK SKINS

### RAW FUR:

#### **Fur in Round / Green Skin**

**Possession - Licenses A- D; Only open season and five (5) days thereafter [s. 29.351(3)]**

**Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]**

**Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]**

#### **Stretched / Dried**

**Possession – Legal at any time with license A-D**

**Sale - All year**

**Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses**

### DRESSED/TANNED:

**Possession - Legal any time**

**Sale - Legal any time**

**Buy - Legal any time**

## **MUSKRAT/MINK PARTS (other than the hides)**

### **Open Season:**

**Possession - Legal at all times**

**Sale - Legal - Open season only**

**Buy - Legal - Open season only**

### **Closed Season:**

**Possession - Legal at all times**

**Sale - Illegal except during open season**

**Buy - Illegal except during open season**

**Footnote: Animals mounted in life like manner which are part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a)) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.**

**Glands, gland lures and gland attractants maybe bought or sold without a license at anytime.**

### **License Requirements**

**A = Trapping**

**B = Scientific Collectors**

**C = Conservation Patrons**

**D = Fur Dealers/Taxidermist**

**E = Small Game**

## **BEAVER SKINS**

### RAW FUR:

#### **Fur in Round / Green Skin**

Possession - **No License required**

Sale - **Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]**

Buy - **Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]**

#### **Stretched / Dried**

Possession – **Legal at any time with license A-D**

Sale - **All year**

Buy - **For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses**

### DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - **Legal any time**

Sale - **Legal any time**

Buy - **Legal any time**

## **BEAVER PARTS (other than the hides)**

### **Open Season:**

Possession – **Legal at all times**

Sale - **Legal - Open season**

Buy - **Legal - Open season**

### **Closed Season:**

Possession - **Legal at all times**

Sale - **Illegal except during open season**

Buy - **Illegal except during open season**

Footnote: **Animals mounted in life like manner which are part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.**

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## **COYOTE SKINS**

### RAW FUR:

#### **Fur in Round / Green Skin**

Possession - **No license required**

Sale - **Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]**

Buy - **Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]**

#### **Stretched / Dried**

Possession - **No license required all year**

Sale - **All year**

Buy - **For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses**

### DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - **Legal any time**

Sale - **Legal any time**

Buy - **Legal any time**

## **COYOTE PARTS (other than the hides)**

### **Open Season:**

Possession - **Legal - At all times**

Sale - **Legal - Open season**

Buy - **Legal - Open season**

### **Closed Season:**

Possession - **Legal at all times**

Sale - **Illegal except during open season**

Buy - **Illegal except during open season**

**Footnote: Animals mounted in life like manner which are part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.**

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**E = Small Game**

## **FOX/RACCOON SKINS**

### RAW FUR:

#### **Fur in Round / Green Skin**

Possession - Licenses A- E; Only open season and five (5) days [s. 29.351(3)]

Sale - Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]

Buy - Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]

#### **Stretched / Dried**

Possession - Legal at any time with license A-E

Sale - All year

Buy - For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses

### DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - Legal any time

Sale - Legal any time

Buy - Legal any time

## **FOX/RACCOON PARTS (other than the hides)**

### Open Season:

Possession - Legal - At all times

Sale - Legal - Open season

Buy - Legal - Open season

### Closed Season:

Possession - Legal at all times

Sale - Illegal except during open season

Buy - Illegal except during open season

Footnote: Animals mounted in life like manner which are part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a)) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.

Glands, gland lures and gland attractants maybe bought or sold without a license at anytime.

### License Requirements

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B = Scientific Collectors

C = Conservation Patrons

D = Fur Dealers/Taxidermist

E = Small Game

## BOBCAT SKINS

### RAW FUR:

#### **Fur in Round / Green Skin**

Possession - **No license required. Only open season and 5 days [s.29.351(3)]. All pelts must be tagged and registered.**

Sale - **Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]**

Buy - **Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]**

#### **Stretched / Dried**

Possession - **No license required all year however pelt and registration tag required**

Sale - **All year with pelt and registration tag attached**

Buy - **For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses**

### DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - **Legal any time**

Sale - **Legal any time**

Buy - **Legal any time**

## BOBCAT PARTS (other than the hides)

### Open Season:

Possession - **Legal - At all times**

Sale - **Legal - Open season**

Buy - **Legal - Open season**

### Closed Season:

Possession - **Legal at all times**

Sale - **Illegal except during open season**

Buy - **Illegal except during open season**

Footnote: **Animals mounted in life like manner which are part of a private collection (see NR 19.001(13)(a) may be sold at anytime - EXCEPT for migratory waterfowl.**

**Glands, gland lures and gland attractants maybe bought or sold without a license at any time.**

### License Requirements

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## OTTER / FISHER SKINS

### RAW FUR:

#### **Fur in Round / Green Skin**

Possession - **Licenses A- D; Only open season and 5 days [s. 29.351(3)]. All pelts must be tagged and registered.**

Sale - **Open season and five (5) days [s.29.539]**

Buy - **Open season and five (5) days - No additional requirements, unless in the business of buying fur - Need fur dealer's license [s.29.501]**

#### **Stretched / Dried**

Possession - **Legal at any time with license A-D and with appropriate pelt and registration tag**

Sale - **All year**

Buy - **For business purposes - need fur dealer's licenses**

### DRESSED/TANNED:

Possession - **Legal any time**

Sale - **Legal any time**

Buy - **Legal any time**

## OTTER / FISHER PARTS (other than the hides)

### Open Season:

Possession - **Legal - At all times**

Sale - **Legal - Open season**

Buy - **Legal - Open season**

### Closed Season:

Possession - **Legal at all times**

Sale - **Illegal except during open season**

Buy - **Illegal except during open season**

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**Glands, gland lures and gland attractants maybe bought or sold without a license at any time.**

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It is Lawful to Possess:

- **Animal Parts Legally Purchased or Obtained Outside of Wisconsin (receipt or proof of origin recommended)**
- **Tanned Bear Hides**
- **Squirrel Hides and Tails**
- **Game Bird Feathers and Parts (w/ appropriate license)**
- **Game Farm Bird Feathers and Parts**
- **Skunk, Weasel, Porcupine and Opossum Parts and Skins**
- **All Deer Heads, Hides and Antlers from Non-Captive Wild Deer except albino, all white deer or velvet antlers are illegal to possess without written authorization from DNR**
- **All Other Parts from Non-Captive Deer (Individual registering the deer must retain tags until meat is consumed)**
- **Farm Raised Deer Skin and Parts (if documented as farm-raised deer)**
- **Skins, Heads and Antlers of Elk, Moose and Caribou taken legally from Outside Wisconsin**
- **Wild Fur Farm hides and parts (with written proof of origin from fur farm owner)**
- **Green skins of fur-bearing animals during the open season and up to 5 days thereafter, with appropriate hunting or trapping license.**
- **Raw (stretched & dried) skins of fur-bearing animals with appropriate hunting or trapping license.**

It is Lawful to Sell:

- **Raw Bear Hides (Only complete bear hides provided the claws, head and teeth are attached)**
- **Tanned Bear Hides**
- **Portions of Tanned Hides without Claws and Teeth**
- **Wisconsin Turtles may be Sold During Open Season - Snapping Turtle shells must be legal size of not less than 12 inches or greater than 16 inches in length.**
- **Squirrel Hides and Tails**
- **Game Farm Bird Feathers and Parts (with appropriate written proof of origin/receipts)**
- **Skunk, Weasel and Opossum Skins and Parts**
- **Porcupine Quills**
- **Rabbit Skins and Parts During the Open Season**
- **All Deer Heads, Hides, and Antlers from Non-Captive Wild Deer , but only after severed from the carcass.**
- **except albino, all white deer or velvet antlers are illegal to sell at all times.**
- **all other deer parts from Non-Captive Wild Deer may not be sold.**
- **Farm-raised Deer Skin and Parts (if documented as farm-raised deer)**
- **Wild Fur Farm hides, fur dealers license needed to sell hides**
- **Skins, Heads and Antlers of Elk, Moose and Caribou taken legally from Outside Wisconsin**
- **Parts of Fur Farm animals with proper documentation**
- **Green skins of fur-bearing animals during the open season and up to 5 days thereafter, with appropriate hunting or trapping license.**
- **Raw (stretched & dried) skins of fur-bearing animals with appropriate hunting or trapping license.**

"Fur-bearing animals" includes otter, beaver, mink, muskrat, marten, fisher, skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, coyote, bobcat.

"Green skin" means a skin that has not been removed from the carcass of a dead animal and a

**skin which has been removed but has not been fleshed, stretched and dried or tanned.**

**Illegal to Buy or Sell within Wisconsin:**

- **Any Jewelry, Artifact, Art or other Item Containing Bear Claws, Bear Teeth or Bear Bones (examples, bear claw necklace, knife with bear bone handle, bear tooth tie clasp).**
- **Any Jewelry, Artifact, Art or other Item Containing Bones (other than head bones and antlers) of Deer, Elk, Moose or Caribou (examples: knives with handles made from the named animal bones).**
- **Any Jewelry, Artifact, Art or other Item Containing the Bones or Skulls of Squirrel.**
- **Non-Captive Wild Game Bird Feathers and any Artifact, Art or other Item Containing Feathers or Parts from Non-Captive Wild Game Birds (examples: turkey tail feathers fan mount, turkey wing hand fan, grouse or pheasant wing hand fan, wing bone turkey call, wild goose feather hand dip ink pens, paintings with game bird feathers mounted on the boarder, etc.)**
- **Bones and Skulls of Fur Bearing Animals During the Closed Season Including Items such as Artifacts and Art Works containing these bones.**
- **Bones and Skulls of Wisconsin Protected Species including Items such as Artifacts and Art Works containing these bones.**

**Wisconsin Protected Species:**

- **Lawful to possess only if lawfully taken in another state or province**
- **Tanned hides from non-Wisconsin specimens legally taken are lawful to sell**
- **Possession and Sale of the timber rattlesnake or any part lawfully taken in Wisconsin prior to April 1, 1998, lawfully purchased or lawfully taken outside the State of Wisconsin is not prohibited.**

**NR 10.02 Protected wild animals.**

**The following wild animals are designated protected. No person may take, attempt to take, transport or possess any protected wild animal at any time unless expressly authorized by the department.**

- (1) Cougar, Canada lynx, badger, moose, wolverine and flying squirrel.**
- (2) Endangered or threatened species listed in ch. NR 27.**
- (3) Albino or white deer which are white except for the hooves, tarsal glands, head and parts of the head.**
- (4) Woodchuck except as provided in s. 29.337, Stats.**
- (5) Prairie chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), swans, cranes, bitterns, plovers, kingfishers, cormorants, herons, sandpipers and grebes.**
- (6) Eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls except as provided in ch. NR 18.**
- (7) Hen pheasants except as expressly provided in this chapter.**
- (8) Any other wild bird not specified in this chapter.**
- (9) Timber rattlesnake.\***

**\* Note: Possession of the timber rattlesnake or any part lawfully taken in Wisconsin prior to April 1, 1998, lawfully purchased or lawfully taken outside the state of Wisconsin is not prohibited by this section, but the person possessing it has an obligation under s. 29.971, Stats., to prove such facts.**



Timber Wolf, Pine Martin and Other Wisconsin Endangered or Threatened Species

**The possession of these species or their parts is lawful ONLY with endangered species permit documentation or if a permanently attached tag or proof of origin from another state or province is attached or accompanies the species.**

**The sale of the skin or parts only as authorized by the endangered species permit.**

Endangered and Threatened Species Appearing on Wisconsin's List that Originate From Out of State

**Permits are not required for the possession, processing, sale or transportation of carcasses, skins, hides and furs or part thereof from wild animals on the Wisconsin endangered or threatened species list if each item is marked with a permanent locked seal attached by or with the authority of the government of the country, state or province where the wild animal originated, or if an endangered species certificate and seal has been issued under s. NR 27.05(4)(b) to identify and mark the specimens.**